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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ITALIANS ON NEW
LINE.

EAGER TO MEET ENEMY
AGAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

Reuter's Correspondent at Italian
Headquarters, telegraphing on Octo-
ber 31, states that perfect order
prevails.

The Italian troops are massed on
a new line of defence where they are
eager again to meet the enemy.

All the British troops at the front
withdrew with the Italian main body,
and the majority are reported to be
safe.

Of 70 British Red Cross am-
bulances, only six fell into enemy
hands. Eight were disabled and
abandoned by the way.

60,000 ITALIANS CUT OFF.

LAY DOWN ARMS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

A German official report, received
by wireless, states:

We stormed the bridgeheads of the
Dignano and Codroipo and penetrated
the rearward positions outward of
the lower Tagliamento.

The Austro-Germans advanced
from Isonzo against the most enerv-
ing crossing at Latisana. Sixty thou-
sand Italians were cut off and out-
flanked, and they laid down their
arms.

Several hundred guns were cap-
tured.
The prisoners now number 180,000
and the guns 1,500.

THE WITHDRAWAL EFFECTED.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL STATE-
MENT.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

An Italian official statement says:
Our troops, deluding the enemy's
plan by the rapidity of their move-
ments and the resistance of the
covering units, have effected the
withdrawal to the Tagliamento,
despite the most difficult conditions,
with the Third Army nearly com-
plete.

GENERAL CADORNA'S
CONFIDENCE.

ROME, Nov. 1.

General Cadorna has replied to
Signor Orlando, the Premier, that
the country can rely on the army
keeping the flag flying in honour and
avenging the cry of anguish from the
sacred soil of the outraged father-
land.

THE NATION INDOMITABLE.

ROME, Nov. 1.

Signor Orlando has telegraphed to
President Wilson that Italy is in-
domitable and her adversity has not
shaken her confidence of victory.

"A METHODOICAL RETIREMENT."

New York, Nov. 1.

The Associated Press Correspond-
ent at Italian Headquarters tele-
graphs that the inevitable confusion
which occurred during the gigantic
movements of troops and material to
the stronger positions in the rear, is
disappearing very quickly, and dis-
counts the view that the retreat was
a general *salvo* *qui proit*. It was a
methodical retirement on a vast
scale and the horrors of the recent
trial were largely compensated for
by the strategic military results which
were obtained, but which cannot
presently be mentioned.

A PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S STORY
OF THE RETREAT.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

Mr. Ward Price, the Press Cor-
respondent, telegraphing from the
Italian front on October 30, states
that what happened was that some
troops on the left wing of the Second
Army failed to do their duty. They
abandoned their positions before a
very violent attack preceded by pos-
son gas, and new heavy batteries.
The enemy thus drove a wedge across
the Isonzo into the very heart of the
Italian position, striking at the very
centre of the whole system of or-
ganisation and supply; consequently
the whole line from the Carnic Alps
to the sea, a distance of between 80
and 70 miles, was obliged to retire
to avoid being cut off.

The Correspondent states: "I
accompanied the Third Army from
the Carso. The troops are most
cheerful and its Commander, the
Duke of Aosta, was calm and con-
fident. Yesterday evening his Army
saved most of its guns on the right
wing. The Second Army also retired
regularly from Sabotino and Gorizia.
The troops on the left of the Second
Army are also falling back steadily
from the mountain positions. The
General Staff has naturally pro-
hibited a description of the details
of the retreat, but throughout Satur-
day night, I saw the sky constantly
lit up, followed by a roar and clouds
of black smoke, telling of ammuni-
tion depots being blown up, stores
burned and bridges destroyed. A
rainstorm lasting three hours in-
creased the hardships and must have
meant death to many of those who
had been wounded while covering
the retreat, but it delayed the
advance of the enemy.

The situation is undoubtedly grave
but the enemy cannot crush Italy.
There were only a few casualties
among the British twelve-inch gun-
ners. Before retiring one British
gun was so nearly abandoned that
the gunners had destroyed the
breach, but it was eventually saved
with the others.

ENEMY WANTONLY DESTROYING
ITALIAN PROPERTY.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

General Mackensen's troops are
wantonly and brutally destroying
Italian property in the invaded areas
and have caused the Socialist news-
paper *Popolo d'Italia* to demand the
confiscation of Austrian and German
property in Italy and also an exhaus-
tive search for spies. Wholesale
internments of aliens are anticipated.
The aerial activity is multiplying
and the Italians more than equal the
enemy airmen.

Apparently the political objective
influencing Germany to participate
on the Isonzo was the ever-growing
restlessness of Austria-Hungary
under Prussian domination.
The semi-official German Press is
now booming "the greatly strength-
ened Austro-German Alliance."

AMERICA AND ITALY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.

The Italian Ambassador has con-
ferred with Mr. Lansing. The situa-
tion in Italy was discussed.

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Speaking on the eve of the first an-
niversary of the proclamation of Ontario's
Premier, Sir W. T. H. Hays, said that
increased efficiency in every branch of
industry had resulted and that the
moderation had improved. The *Canadian
Courier* says that the Canadian
Government is now ready to begin
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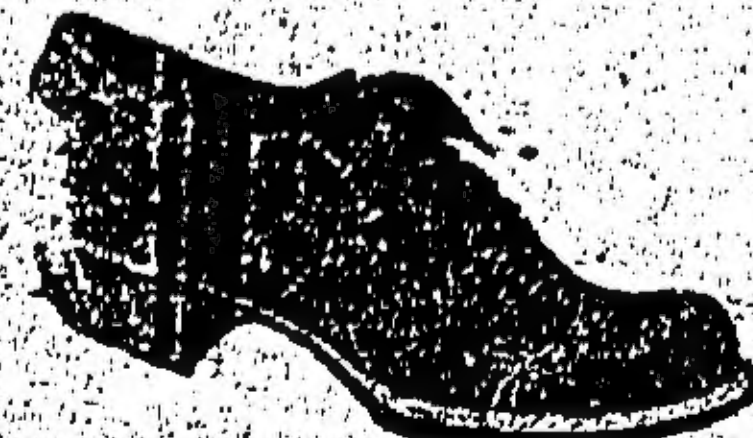
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To some of us elders this war may be a catastrophe. They can think, perhaps, only of its doubtful issue and the ruin which it is causing. Some are merely anxious or nervous, some more nobly, such as those last for all their sadness, know that if they were young they would be filled with a great hope. And this hope, which is all the best of our young men feel, has in it nothing of the selfish pleasure of vulgar excitement. It is the hope raised by a plain issue at last between right and wrong. We have all been aware that there was some great discouragement in the modern world of Europe, a

bewilderment because of which politics seemed to be trivial and the best men were never ranged together against the worst. And behind all this discouragement lay a doubt whether, or no there was any power in the universe beyond sheer material force; whether it was not the highest duty of men to organize the material force of their country so that it should prevail by what ever means, over the material force of other countries. This was the doctrine of Germany, and while Germany professed it and profited by it, it did not actually stand as an obstacle to all higher and more spiritual hopes. But now Germany has put it in practice in such a manner that every one not a German sees both the wickedness and the folly of it. Now all the world is determined that this doctrine shall not prevail. We owe this at least to Germany that she has cleared all our doubts about right and wrong. We owe it to her that she has shocked the conscience and faith of the world into an eager life again. And fortunate are our young men to be young at this moment when conscience and faith have so seriously and splendidly revived. They, in the best years of their life, have something to do, something to fight and to suffer, and, if need be, to die for. There is the material fact of Belgium to be freed from its oppressors, and behind that is the future of the world and the faith upon which they can now uphold with their lives, and in the hope that after their victory there will be a new age for them to live in.—Times.

KORNILOFF'S STIRRING MANIFESTO.

PATRIOTIC CONCERN FOR RUSSIA'S FATE.

The full text of the Proclamation made to the Russian people by Korniloff, after his refusal to resign, in the form of an open invitation to the Provisional Government to come to headquarters to discuss the situation, is given by Dr. Harold Williams, the Special Correspondent of the "London Daily Chronicle" as follows:—

"I, the Commander-in-Chief, General Korniloff, declare before the whole nation that a soldier's duty, a citizen's sacrifice of liberty and joyed love for my country, have led me, in this momentous moment of our national existence, to disobey the order of the Provisional Government and to retain the chief command of a national army and navy.

Supported in this decision by the commanders of all the fronts, I declare to all the Russian people that I would rather die than be removed from my post as Commander-in-Chief. A true son of the people never deserts his post, and rather sacrifices his greatest possession, his life.

In these truly terrible minutes of our country's existence, when the approaching

to both capitals, are almost open to the victorious advance of the enemy, the Provisional Government, forgetting the great question of the independent existence of the country, stings into the people the illusory fear of a counter-revolution, which it is itself provoking by its incapacity to govern, its unreadiness for decisive action, and its feebleness in exerting authority.

It is not for me, a son of the people, who has given my whole life in the presence of all to its service, to fail to stand guard over the great liberties and the great future of my people.

But now its future is in weak and feeble hands. The enemy who now, by means of bribery and treachery, is acting in our country as though he were at home, is bringing with him destruction, not only of liberty, but of the existence of the Russian people.

Awake, men of Russia, from your feck and infatuation! Do not walk into the abyss into which our country is plunging.

In the desire to avoid all convulsions, to prevent the shedding of Russian blood in civil warfare, forgetting all hurts and insults, I, before the face of the whole people, appeal to the Provisional Government, and say:—

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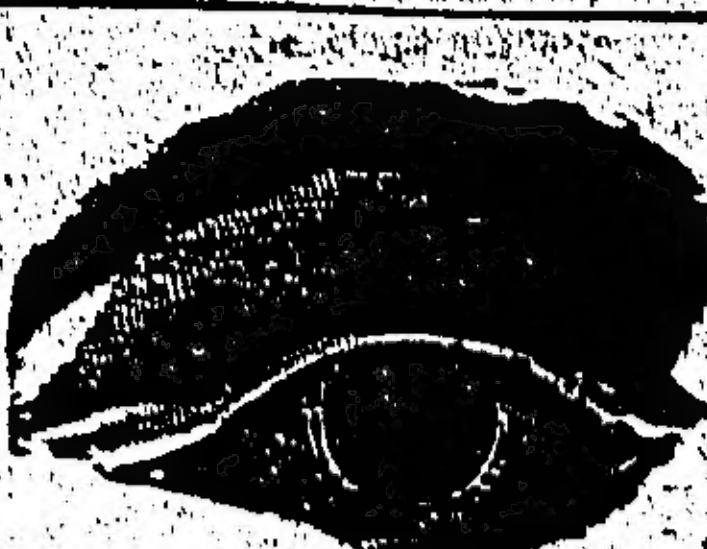
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Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	240'	40'	15'	7'	
Patent Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	337'	40'	15'	7'	
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Cosmopolitan Dock	445'	25'	20'	7'	
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Hongkong, Oct. 29, 1917. 2245

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&c., &c.
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Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, Oct. 30, 1917. 2247

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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SATURDAY,

the 3rd November, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

25 CASES OF SALAD OIL
(New Cargo—only just arrived).
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Hongkong, Oct. 30, 1917. 2248

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AUCTIONS.

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SATURDAY,

the 3rd November, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

Several Cases "Heather Dew" Whisky
"Fine Old Sherry"
"Peach Brandy,"
&c., &c.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Oct. 29, 1917. 2246

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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SATURDAY,

the 3rd November, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

SIX CASES
WHITE COTTON REEL THREAD,
(slightly damaged).
Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, Oct. 31, 1917. 2252

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS,
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Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Card Tables, a quantity of Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-Plated Ware, etc.

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Engravings, Pictures, Teakwood and Net Iron Safe, &c.
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Hongkong, Oct. 31, 1917. 2254

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THURSDAY,

the 8th November, 1917, at 2 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,
Comprising:—
Blankets, Counterpanes, Sheets, &c., Dress Materials including Blue and White Serge (good quality), Prints, Holland, White Linen, Long Cloth, Drill, Flannel, Flannelette, &c., Handkerchiefs, Gent's Silk Socks, Boys Suits, Towels, Toilet Soap, Perfumery, White Lace Curtains, &c., &c.

Suit Cases and a few pairs Gent's Boots and Shoes.
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Hongkong, Oct. 31, 1917. 2253

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SOCIAL AMENITIES AT THE FRONT.

MEN WHO REFUSE TO BE DULL OR DOWN-HEARTED.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, September 10th.

The other day—that is to say, a week or two ago—the Germans began to bombard a section of our trenches pretty heavily with 3.9's, which are big things making a horrible noise and a worse mess. In that part of the line there happened to be a battalion of Royal Fusiliers, who are mostly London men, and it must have surprised the enemy a good deal to hear, through the din of their shell-fire, the sound of singing. It was a popular song called "These Hard Times," and it was roared out in a great chorus by men who knew they might be blown to bits between one verse and another.

Last night I heard some of the same men singing the same song. It was in a big hall of sticks and canvas, which holds 500 men and is so designed that it can be removed and put up elsewhere in a couple of days. Five hundred men were there, packed tight, and with all their eyes fixed with fascination upon a little lighted stage, where there was a world of comedy and song which wrenched these men's souls away from the war zone.

The war was not far away, as gun range goes. When I came out of this soldiers' theatre and walked along some duckboards to an officers' mess, the night sky was filled with the flashing of shells and with the white glare of Very's lights going up along the lines. The men came out, too, into the darkness back to their billets and camps, and they were whistling and humming the songs they had heard, and laughing still at the thought of the trick cyclist who rode his bike any old way with marvellous skill and fearful grimaces.

"A topping show," said an officer; "it brightens up the men no end." There was a discussion as to the new frock of the young fellow who played the girl's part with a falsetto voice and a golden wig. "She looked a peach," said a senior officer, "but I think the frock was three inches too short. One must draw the line somewhere."

VENI'S OPERA.

A tenor and a baritone had done the duet scene out of one of Verdi's operas as well as one could hear it on a London stage. The men whistled with thrill, syren blasts, in their appreciation of high-class stuff. And the orchestra of three, with a violin, a cello, and a piano, had played their part splendidly and kept everything together in a wonderful way. But of course it was laughter the men liked most, and they had their fill of it when a tall droll-faced dock played the simplest sublimely, and when a mischievous Charlie Chaplin twirled his ridiculous hat, and when a "Zimmerman" yodel described his love affairs with the maid of the village.

"It takes a deal of organisation," said the O.C. Entertainments, "but it's worth it a hundred times. We might have lost this war if it hadn't been for laughter. Imagine what it is for men just out of the trenches to see a show like this. It's fairy-land to them. They just drink life and light and music. Besides, it keeps up the esprit de corps. Did you notice how they were stirred by that divisional song? It's Edward German's music, and the words go well to it."

There had been a hush when that song was sung, for it brought back to some of the men who heard it days of battle in the Dardanelles and on the fields of the Somme and in the quagmire of Flanders, where the ghosts of brave comrades roam.

"Oh, this is the song of the Onety-oneth. In the East and the West you'll find it. There's never a field where the red sign goes."

But it leaves its mark behind it. In desert sands of alien lands. Sleep our bravest and our best. There's a Turkish hill where the flowers wave still.

O'er the graves where our dear lads rest. And wherever the red war trails a gleam And the battle thunders waken. There's a tale to be told of a soul of gold. Who trod death's path unshaken.

CRAVING FOR MUSIC.

There are many of these divisional theatrical shows now. I remember one of the first of them organised by the

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gallant Sixth Division well over two years ago, and since then the "Fancies" and the "Follies" and the "Bow Bells" and the "Very Lights" and the "Brass Bands" have searched out talent which is not hard to find in an army like ours, and have gone with their fighting men through France and Flanders.

Music of another kind has come into the war, and now, unlike the early days when men who were for music had to fall back on combs and tissue paper and a few old mouth organs, there are many hands in the fields. I have seen them playing in the queerest places close to the battle-line, where the crash of gun fire has thundered above the big drums.

That was below the Vimy Ridge when the Canadians were bringing down their prisoners; and again when the Ring came out and heard by chance a selection from "Pinafore" as two German aeroplanes came overhead chased by our anti-aircraft shells. "Dear Little Buttercup," played the band, and crash went the Archie.

Yesterday, while a few miles away there was the usual bombardment along the lines, there was a competition of divisional bands, with a great flourish of drums and the stately march of the pipers, and old regimental tunes like the "British Grenadiers" and "Dye in the Valley" which air a soldier's heart and set his blood on fire.

All this helps to keep human nature alive in a war which otherwise might deaden the spirits of many men. But in the men themselves there is a natural vitality which makes them recover very quickly from a hammering under shell-fire, and the heart of youth in them is so absolutely determined to live that not even the most frightful conditions of war will kill it, or the sense of comedy which belongs to it as long as they have life itself.

They see the fun of things in the midst of tragedy, because youth, after all, cannot be bothered too much with the tragic when the comic is so vastly entertaining. In the ruined villages of the danger zone they carry on as though the houses still had walls and roofs, and sing their choruses to a gramophone in the front parlour of a French chateau, which is no more than an iron gate leaning up against a broken chimney stack, with the neck curtains due to my distinguished a friend.

I saw the other day in a suburb of Lens a girl, by deep and very fresh shell holes a burst-out by the side of a trench, and over the dug-out, a young man sat

coffins. The irony of it is frightful, and has not been missed by passer-by. After three years of war our men and our officers make the best of the best moments, the best of the best places, and find it the easiest way and the soundest philosophy.

If there is a piano in a village estaminet or in a house that has escaped destruction in a bombarded town there is always somebody to get some ragtime out of it and even a melody by Chopin or a thing or two by Grieg. Perhaps there will be dirty work when the turn is finished, but that thought does not make the music less good now in this good hour. The old London buses take me to the front after a rest between the battles, and at the journey's end there will be more dirty work. But on the way they are filled with joking fellows, and grinning faces look over the top as they pass through the Flemish villages and along the line of marching troops, who would like a lift like this, and a chorus rolls along the glades of woods from which much timber has gone to make props for trenches and dug-outs.

"A penny all the way" is the sign painted on the London buses, and inside, as they swing and jolt, soldiers are playing cards. "Your deal, mate," says a tall Australian in the corner seat. They go on the way to some part of the front while Fate also deals out the card hand which decides who shall win in a game with high stakes.

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To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 27th November prox., at 3 p.m., at the Public Works Department, and before a committee presided by the Director of the Public Works and composed of three members appointed by the Government, the Attorney General being present, TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY and LAYING of PIPES for CANALIZATION of SALT WATER (Extension).

The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and the plans of the canalization are open to the public at the Public Works Department, where they can be examined all week days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Macao: Public Works Department, 18th October, 1917.
RAUL M. DE FARIA e MAIA,
2280.] Engineer Director.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 13th day of November, 1917, at 11 a.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of ONE LOT OF CROWN LAND at Conduit Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 3rd March, 1914, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Lot No.	Location	Area (Approximate)	Annual Rent (Approximate)	Upset Price (Approximate)
1	Conduit Road, near the junction of the road with the road leading to the Public Works Department	1.4550 Acres	14550/-	2233

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Fox Terrier Pups at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Whisky, Cherry Brandy etc. and Salad Oil at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Real Thread at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
1 p.m.—Ministering Children's League Sale of Work and Entertainment.
2 p.m.—Cricket Match on H.E.C.C. Ground: Club v. R.G.A.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, Nov. 5.—Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot.
TUESDAY, Nov. 6.—Election Day in the U.S.A.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, Pianos etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
THURSDAY, Nov. 8.—4 p.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods (Dress Materials, Serges, Silk Socks, Perfumery etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
FRIDAY, Nov. 9 & SATURDAY, 10.—2.10 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Bed Linen, Gramophones, Cut-glass, etc. etc. at No. 23, Lyndhurst Terrace.
SATURDAY, Nov. 11.—King of Italy's birthday (1859).
MONDAY, Nov. 12.—General Holiday.

VISITING CARDS

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Li Tze Chung, cashier of the Bank of Canton, has reported to the Police that an employee of the Bank, who was entrusted with \$700 in bank notes to change, has absconded.

Lieut. T. ("Tommy") Hatchison, 3rd Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry (formerly of "Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., Shanghai) has been dangerously wounded.

Exchange opened a half-penny down this morning had dropped again another farthing at 2.30 p.m. There was no further change, the closing rate being 2/10 on demand.

Tenders are invited by the Public Works Department of Macao in connection with the extension of the canalization of the salt water. Particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

The China Mail Steamship Co.'s s.s. *China* arrived at Yokohama on Tuesday, October 30th, in accordance with schedule, and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on or about November 9th.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, November 2, 1917.

ASPECTS OF THE WAR.

GERMANY'S "great change of victory," according to a published statement of Herr HAUSMANN, one of prominent members of the Reichstag consists in superiority of moral, and in producing, by political means, the collapse of enemy moral. It seems a correct reading of the situation, and at the present time when the

Austro-German forces are driving through the Italian defences like a devastating tornado, it is important that we should not confine our view to the Italian theatre and leave all the other zones of the war out of the perspective. It is true, the capture of 180,000 prisoners and 1,600 guns in a week—alleged in the Austro-German communiqué—is a glorious blow not only to Italy but to all the Powers in co-operation with her in the war. But it is this severe and unexpected blow has had the effect on the Italian people of strengthening their will to conquer, then the situation in Italy apparently may yet be saved. General CADORNA has given the Prime Minister of Italy the assurance that the army can be relied on "to keep the flag flying in honour, avenging the cry of anguish from the sacred soil of the outraged fatherland," and the Premier has assured President Wilson that Italy is indomitable in her adversity and has unshaken confidence in victory. These assurances apparently were given before the capture of a further 60,000 Italians mentioned in a German communiqué to-day; but as armies go to-day that is a number which perhaps does not very materially affect the calculations. General CADORNA has probably at least a million men still under his command, if not more. It is moral, however, that counts in such a situation, and the recollection of the British and French retreat to the Marne and their brilliant recovery form a glorious episode in the great war which cannot fail to be recalled by the Italians, who, let us hope, may be able to turn the tide of defeat with similar success. We can readily suppose the people of Germany and Austria to be greatly elated over this thrust, which is the first they have managed to achieve for a very long time past, but the important question for Germany as it was put by one of the Reichstag Deputies when the Peace Resolution was under discussion a couple of months ago is: "Have we a reasonable prospect of being able by some later date, perhaps in a year, to give the peace a shape so much more favourable that the further sacrifices which we should still have to make are worth while?" That question cannot possibly be answered in the affirmative. The longer the war lasts the more remote will be the prospect for Germany of a peace such as she now seeks. It is of interest to note that the Military Correspondent of the Times regards it as an advantage to have the Italians fighting in the plains during the winter. "Moreover, there are not wanting indications of growing confidence that the Russian army will yet do the duty it owes to itself and its allies."

THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED LARCENY FROM THE KOWLOON GODOWNS.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. Wood this morning on the charge of stealing a piece of leather from the Kowloon Godowns.

It was stated that the defendant was a coolie doing odd jobs at the godowns. Suspicion was aroused when the defendant was noticed by the head watchman to turn back when he saw men being searched at the big gate. The head watchman stopped defendant and brought him to the office to be searched, and a piece of leather was found tied around his waist under his jacket. He was then arrested.

Defendant pleaded not guilty saying that he was arrested on a false charge. His Worship remanded the case in order that inquiries might be made by the Police.

A GENERAL SCUFFLE.

Two Chinamen and a woman were charged before Mr. Wood this morning with fighting at Tin Lok Lane yesterday. It was stated that an Indian policeman who was on duty at the Opium factory saw one of the men abusing the woman. There was a scuffle in which the other man joined, with the result that they were all arrested.

One of the men said that he was only collecting rent, he did not fight. The other man excused himself by saying that the other man abused the woman, who was his relation, that was why he fought, while the woman's excuse was that she was only trying to separate the combatants.

Fines of \$3, \$5, and \$3 were imposed.

KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with unlawfully kidnapping a child at Aberdeen on the 30th ultimo.

Serjt. Willis stated that on the 30th ult. at about 2 p.m., the mother and her child who were standing on a pier at Aberdeen, were accosted by the defendant who begged her to allow him take the child to tea. She was unwilling at first, but consented at last, the defendant having undertaken to restore the child the same afternoon. The day wore on but still the child did not appear. The anxious mother after scouring the village for her child reported the matter to the Police. A search was made of all the boats at Aberdeen and the child was found in a junk in which defendant was employed. The defendant, it appeared, attempted to sell the child to the owner of the junk for \$150, but the latter wanted to receive definite assurances of the legality of the sale before parting with his money. The Police then arrested the defendant.

After evidence was heard His Worship adjourned the case.

A TEMPORARY SITUATION.

"I cannot find any work; that is who I stole them" was the reply given by a Chinese, who was charged with the larceny of a quantity of clothing yesterday.

Mr. Dyer Ball found the prisoner work at the Victoria Gas for three months.

HEATHER DAY.

In connection with Heather Day on the 30th, Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., have an interesting window display. It is intended that the Day's receipts shall benefit materially by the sale of little articles made by the Scottish women of the Colony, and the ladies have thrown themselves heart and soul into the work, each vying with the other in "ideas."

The display in Powell's, though but a preliminary effort, testifies to the ingenuity of the ladies. Next week there will be a much larger and more varied show. The articles on view now comprise a most charmingly dressed doll on a swing, which is to be raffled. There are also little Scottish kilts in full regimental, dollies in long clothes to be used as safety pin holders, but pin boxes, cushions in a variety of designs, Cock o' the North, teapot holders, rosettes, Scots terrier pen wipers, etc.

Members of the Motor Trade Association meeting at Nottingham recently received reports indicating that the results which have already attended the use of coal gas in place of petrol for motors have been so successful that it is likely before long to be widely extended.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

WHEN you have a bad cold you want a remedy that will not only give relief, but effect a prompt and permanent cure, a remedy that is pleasant, effective, and contains nothing injurious. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all these requirements. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretory and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has proved so successful in all cases of colds, coughs, and croup, that it has been adopted by all the leading medical authorities of the world.

A FAVORITE RUN DOWN.

THE police, the football players and the all-round athletes know the value of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is just the thing for a run down after a hard game. It soothes the muscles, relieves the pain, and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has proved so successful in all cases of colds, coughs, and croup, that it has been adopted by all the leading medical authorities of the world.

SUPREME COURT.

LEGAL ARGUMENT BEFORE FULL COURT.

Before the Full Court to-day, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. argued the legal points in connection with his technical objections to the form of the indictment in the case in which Kwong Fei, alias Kwong Fuk, was charged with demanding money, with menaces.

Mr. Pollock argued that the indictment covered seven separate incidents whereas, according to authorities quoted, the indictment should cover only one particular incident. After Mr. Pollock had addressed the Court at some length, the Attorney General argued that there was a connecting link between each incident and that no particular incident could be taken as being independent of the whole. The Attorney General quoted various authorities and precedents in support of his argument. After further discussion the case was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the information given in a recent issue of your paper that the Straits Settlements War Loan 5% closes on the 14th inst., we beg to state that this Association still has between five and six lakhs of this Loan in hand, which were secured by us for the benefit of members in contemplation of the possible early closing of this Loan, and which are available for members and intending subscribers.

Yours faithfully,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LTD.
Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers.

ORIENTAL STEEL CO. OF JAPAN.

The Oriental Steel Manufacturing Company, is almost a national undertaking, being promoted and backed by nearly a thousand businessmen of note. It is organized to make most of the rights to work the Taichung iron mine, Aichi, leased by the Sino-Japanese Industrial Development Company. At its promoters' meeting in Tokyo recently Mr. Suye Nakano, president elect, presented a report on the work by the promoters and recommended the draft articles of association, which they adopted. The capital will be divided into 600,000 shares, of which 300,000 shares will be assigned to promoters and supporters, while 300,000 shares will be offered for public subscription. In promoting the public subscriptions the promoters will accept only tenders above 50 shares, which will limit the number of general shareholders to 2,000. The site for the prospective works is not decided, but it is believed that Iwaki will be the site selected.

KING IN SCOTLAND'S "BLACK COUNTRY."

CROWD SING "WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN."

The climax of the King's popularity in the West of Scotland was attained in the district which is known as the "Scottish Pittsburgh," where at a steel works at which many thousands of men and women are employed, they sang the "Bonnie Prince Charlie" chorus, which is reserved for such first-class heroes as Mr. Gladstone.

Will ye no come back again!
Will ye no come back again!
Better lo'd ye canna be!
Will ye no come back again!

The King, who probably did not realize the full significance of the rare compliment on the part of an undemonstrative people, was touched by the plaintive appeal of the repeated question, and he checked his departure that he might bear the chorus to the end. There could have been no more picturesque proof of the success of this Royal visit.

NEW ADMIRALTY DOCK.

BEGINNING OF A WAR BASE IN SOUTH WALES.

First steps have been taken towards the construction of a large naval dry dock at the confluence of the Wyre and the Severn at Beachley, near Chepstow, and property owners in the neighbourhood have received notice.

The dock will be used exclusively by the Admiralty during the period of the war and as long afterwards as required, and will then, in all probability, be taken over by the Standard Shipbuilding Company, of Chepstow, who are proceeding with a large scheme of reconstruction. To facilitate the construction of the dock, it is expected that a temporary bridge will be thrown across the Wyre. Chepstow is in Monmouthshire, 14 miles N.W. of Newport, with a population of just over 4000.

EARLY COLDS.

BE careful of the colds you take at this time of the year. They are particularly dangerous if neglected. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best remedy for colds, coughs, and croup. It soothes the throat, relieves the lungs, and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has proved so successful in all cases of colds, coughs, and croup, that it has been adopted by all the leading medical authorities of the world.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

The following is the Subscription List to date—

Acknowledged to 7th September 1917	\$ 23,709.18
Members Kowloon Customs	
Staff, per Mr. O. D. Gander	31.00
Mr. E. Finlay (per H. K. Telegraph)	10.00
Mr. F. G. Becker, sub. for September	30.00
M. S. S.—October sub.	5.00
H. R. L. Dowbiggin	25.00
D. A. W.	5.00
C. C. S.	5.25
Collected by Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton—List No. 5—	
"The Oil Kings"	30.00
T. E. P.	25.00
M. G. B. B.	13.00
F. B. and O. B. A. H. C.	30.00
H. H. at \$10.00	
G. T. E. A. W. L. R. J. F. E. S. F. A. W. J. M. H. S. W. B. S. N. H. C. S. R. P. T. J. V. R. N. S. M. J. P. J. S. D. W. and H. E. J. W. W. H. S. L. N. L. A. S. C. W. E. A. B. S. K. de G. L. A. E. G. G. S. A. C. P. E. H. T. J. O. H. E. S. D. R. S. C. B. A. at \$2. C. T. P. at \$4.00.	150.00
J. E. L. R. K. F. B. E. A. A. C. D. E. H. E. W. S. "Wallaby" E. H. A. O. I. L. G. M. S. at \$3.00	30.00
J. H. B. K. M. C. at \$2.50.	5.00
A. R. A. W. B. J. R. K. F. W. J. D. J. F. R. W. M. E. M. F. A. D. G. C. H. D. R. G. H. R. I. N. C. H. E. R. A. E. T. C. C. R. A. V. J. A. R. H. E. M. A. S. L. R. J. E. T. C. D. W. J. E. H. J. G. A. R. S. L. H. L. W. J. M. N. J. H. R. H. H. E. G. A. T. R. E. M. W. R. M. C. B. E. P. M. H. W. G. J. L. C. K. B. R. J. O. W. D. R. S. L. B. J. H. G. G. F. S. T. E. G. S.	
Moore L. S. G. B. L. G. M. L. T. C. N. H. F. C. P. A. C.	7.00
Anonymous donations	17.00
Expended to 7th September 1917	\$23,477.21
Since expended:	
1000 Cigarettes for Naval Ratings	
10000 Cigarettes for local troops	
150000 Cigarettes sent to the Troops at the Front	
10000 Cigarettes sent to the King's Ship-shore Light Infantry at the Front	478.12 \$23,955.33
Balance in hand	\$250.10

W. A. DOWLEY,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Hongkong, October 30, 1917.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

291,301 Private Duncan Morgan, No. 6 Platoon B Coy, 7th Black Watch, B.E.F. France, 19 17.—"I sit down with the greatest pleasure in writing you a few lines to let you know that all the boys in my Platoon thank you very much for sending them cigarettes and also thank you for your kindness and think, Sir, you have done us a good turn out here. Good night, Sir."

Capt. P. G. Mayer, O/C "D" Coy, 3rd Battalion, The Rifle Bde, July 22, 1917.—"May I, on behalf of my company, thank you very much indeed and, through you, the people of Hongkong, for the splendid gift of cigarettes which has just arrived. Of all the gifts that can be sent to the men out here, the most appreciated is always the cigarette, and therefore I can assure you that the very generous gift of the people of Hongkong will be highly appreciated by all ranks."

Capt. O. R. Edwards, O/C "A" Company, 10th (Yorkshire) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, Palestine, Before Gaza, 22.5.17.—"On behalf of the Company under my command I have to thank you for the excellent case of cigarettes which arrived in perfect condition addressed to O/C No. 3 Troop, A. B. Squadron, Sussex Y Company. We are at present fighting on our feet but several members of the old No. 3 Troop are still with us. The cigarettes were much appreciated as they arrived at a time when there was hardly a cigarette in the company."

Lt. L. Evans for Commanding Officer, Gloucestershire Regt. I am instructed by the O/C to tender you his heartfelt thanks and also of the battalion under his charge for your kind and thoughtful present of cigarettes to the troops. I think if you would have seen the men's faces on receipt of same it would have been some satisfaction to you for your kindness."

NEW OPERA IN ENGLISH.

Sir, Thomas Becham began a few seasons at Drury Lane on September 22. During the season, which will last into December, every opera at Drury Lane will be sung in English. Sir Thomas proposes to open his season with a work never before sung in English—Bismarck's "The Fall of the Republic." Included in the cast are Madame Jeanne Brodeur, Edna Thornton, Mr. Walter Hyde, and Mr. Robert Parker.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

IT may be impossible to prevent an accident, but it is not impossible to be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best remedy for all accidents, cuts, bruises, and sprains. It soothes the pain, relieves the inflammation, and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has proved so successful in all cases of accidents, cuts, bruises, and sprains, that it has been adopted by all the leading medical authorities of the world.

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions are approved by the Hon. C.S.F.—Muster Sergeant Wm. Fisher to be Muster Sergeant, P.C. 480. Alet to be Muster Sergeant.

KEMENYI GALLS.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to Departmental Orders 9 to 27 inclusive. A test Emergency Call, will probably be made during the week commencing Monday, November 5th.

BY ORDER.

T. F. HOSKIN,
A.S.P. (R.).

WHY IT SILLS.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the most effective cough medicine ever known. It is a powerful expectorant, and it is a powerful antiseptic. It soothes the throat, relieves the lungs, and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has proved so successful in all cases of colds, coughs, and croup, that it has been adopted by all the leading medical authorities of the world.

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SPORTING.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. (B) v. A. MILITARY TEAM.

At King's Park, to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.
K.C.C. Team—J. H. Mead (Captain), Dr. C. Forsyth, R. E. Lindall, L. B. Shroff, W. E. Schulz, F. Mead, D. Nicoll, E. J. Edwards, S. E. Green, A. A. Birnie, and H. S. Rose.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the University in a League Match against the Civil Service Cricket Club to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on the Civil Service Ground—A. E. Ramjahn (Capt.), R. A. Ponsbury, P. A. K. Brash, G. E. Marley, F. A. Radmond, W. Gitting, G. Hall, J. D. Wright (Chesham Town Lock), D. K. Samy, G. S. K. Kwok (non score).

LEAGUE CRICKET.

S.U.C. v. MIDDLESEX C.C.

"At Happy Valley" to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.—S.C.C. Team—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, P. H. Cobb, A. de Souza, R. Vestonji, W. Wheeler, C. J. Appleton, L. E. S. Hodges, H. Overly, W. T. Elson, and D. J. Mackenzie.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON WELSH HEROISM.

PRINCIPALITY'S SHARE IN THE WAR.

In connection with the "North Wales" "Heroes Memorial Scheme," initiated by Mr. R. J. Thomas with a donation of £20,000, a fête was held at Holyhead and opened by Mr. Lloyd George, who expressed the Prime Minister's regret at not being able to be present owing to slight indisposition.

Mrs. Lloyd George added that the Prime Minister had requested her to read the following message—

"This is an age of heroes. There never have been so many in any generation of this world's history. It is well, therefore, that we should commemorate the fact, which is the special pride of our own time. No part of the British Empire has made a reader, or a student, contribution then the rugged corner assigned by Providence for Welshmen to dwell in. The voluntary recruiting in Wales at the beginning of the war equalled the best in Great Britain, and her roll of the fallen has been indeed heavy. Wales is therefore, entitled to a special recognition for her heroes."

Later in the day the autograph message was put up for auction by Colonel the Rev. John Williams, D.D., a close personal friend of the Prime Minister, and, after some spirited bidding, was bought by Sir George Ridgell for Mrs. Grayson, wife of the High Sheriff of Anglesey.

The proceeds of the fête realised close upon £1,000 thereby bringing Holyhead's contribution to the fund to about £2,300.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

All Divisions will parade at the Law Courts on Sunday, the 11th inst. at 9 a.m. Dress: Helmet, shorts, puttees, haversacks (filled), waterbottles (filled), Ambulances and stretchers will be required.

T.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, 6th inst. 8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

THURSDAY, 8th inst. 8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

THURSDAY, 8th inst. 4.45 p.m. Squad Drill.

Recruits will be drilled in squads as notified by the Divisional Superintendent.

VICTORIA DIVISION.

FRIDAY, 9th inst. 5.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

(Sd.) B. RAJES,
Officer in Charge of District.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (R.).

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.

Monday, November 5th—Nos. 8 and 1 Platoons, and all Recruits.

Tuesday, November 6th—Nos. 6 and 7 Platoons, and all Recruits.

Wednesday, November 7th—No. 3 Platoon.

Thursday, November 8th—Nos. 7 and 8 and Ambulance Platoons.

Friday, November 9th—No. 1 Section and all Recruits.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE TIMES' MILITARY CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS.

ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN WINTER CAMPAIGN AN ADVANTAGE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The Times Military Correspondent states that the season is approaching when the operations in France and in Flanders usually die down, as in the Alps, but there is nothing to prevent fighting on the Italian plains throughout the winter, and it is to the advantage of the side with the greatest resources to fight during the winter. We should probably have not had the advantage of an Italian participation in such a winter campaign but for the German stroke. The Allies can aid each other on the whole of the Western Front, including Italy, without sea transport. We have now good positions in France and in Flanders with a superiority in men and in guns there; and while the winter temporarily suspends the fighting in Flanders, we can, without undue risk, make things lively in Italy, during the winter, by forcing the pace with important forces of troops and ships, for much more can be done from the naval point of view, in the Adriatic Sea than has hitherto been attempted. Our confidence, in General Cadorna is entirely unchanged, but the Allied Governments, before deeply engaging themselves, must make sure that the new Italian Government will give explicit assurances that any powers which General Cadorna requires for suppressing German or other agents who have been tampering with the loyalty of his armies, are immediately accorded him. It must not be assumed that we propose abandoning the campaign in the West; the Italian sector must remain subordinate and secondary. There are only a few German Divisions there, and one reason for their presence is to tempt us to relax our grip in Flanders. We need not therefore alter our determination to pursue our plans in France and in Flanders to their logical conclusion, at the right moment.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
There was hostile artillery activity all night eastward and north-eastward of Ypres.
Our fire dispersed a concentration of troops in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
The Admiralty announces that Naval aircraft bombed Sparapellhoek aerodrome yesterday. The clouds made the results difficult to observe.
We carried out many offensive patrols and shot down one enemy machine. All ours returned.

FRENCH RAIDS

LONDON, Nov. 1.
A French communiqué states:—
We raided the German lines in the direction of Berthelincourt, south-east of St. Quentin, the sector of Souain, the Champagne region, Boland, Argonne, north of Flirey and Woivre.
We took 40 prisoners and inflicted serious losses on the enemy.

LEAVE FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, stated in the course of the debate on the Vote of Credit that by the end of November there would not be a soldier on the Western Front who had been more than twelve months without leave. It was practically impossible to give leave from Mesopotamia at present although every effort was made to meet urgent cases, and a certain number were given leave to India. As regards Egypt and Salonika the case was not so bad but had enough owing to transport difficulties.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
Silver is now 45½. More is offering; buyers are satisfied and the market is quiet.

AIR RAID ON ENGLAND.

SEVEN GROUPS OF MACHINES.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
It is officially announced that hostile aircraft determinedly and repeatedly attacked London, last night.
The first group of machines crossed the Kent coast at 10.45 p.m., making for London. They did not penetrate far inland, but turned eastward and dropped bombs on various places in the vicinity of the coast.
Meanwhile, two more groups, steering for London, flew along the south bank of the Thames.
The thin low clouds rendered observation difficult. Nevertheless the altitude of the raiders was calculated and they were broken up by our barrage, on the south-eastern outskirts of London, where bombs were dropped.
A fourth group, coming along the Thames estuary, was turned back when half way to London.
Meanwhile, a fifth group crossed the Essex coast at 12.15 in the morning, and steered for London, along the north bank of the Thames. Our outer defences turned back some, but one or more penetrated the south-east of London and dropped bombs.
A sixth group followed the same course, a quarter of an hour later, some penetrating the south-east of London and dropping bombs, one or more machines meanwhile dropping bombs on the south-western outskirts.
Our gunfire dispersed a seventh group before it reached the outer defences.
Individual raiders attacked the Kent coast between midnight and 1.30 in the morning.
Each group consisted of three or four machines and the total number of raiders was about 30. Only three penetrated to the heart of London.
Our gunfire harassed the raiders and our aircraft also attacked them.
It is believed that the casualties and damage are light, considering the nature of the attack.

THE CASUALTIES.

LATER.
It is officially stated that the total casualties in all districts from last night's air raid are eight killed and 21 injured, and the material damage was very slight.

No naval, munitions or military establishments were injured and all our machines are safe.

BRITISH CAPTURE BEERSHEBA.

DETERMINED RESISTANCE BY TURKS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.
An official report from Egypt says:—
After a night march we attacked Beersheba yesterday morning.
While infantry attacked the western and south-western defences, our mounted troops made a wide turning movement through the desert and approached from the east.
Beersheba was occupied in the evening despite determined resistance.

LATER.
It is officially reported that 1,800 prisoners and nine guns were captured at Beersheba.
The British losses were slight compared with the results.

AMERICA'S SHIPBUILDING PLANS.

6,000,000 TONS IN 1918.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.
Mr. Hurley, Chairman of the Shipping Board, addressing a meeting of shipbuilders, Government officials, and labour representatives, convened to discuss the acceleration of shipbuilding, said the American shipyards would be able to complete a million tons by March 1. They meant to build 6,000,000 tons in 1918. It was an abnormal task requiring every ounce of energy.

SPANISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

MADRID, Nov. 1.
Senor Maura has been asked to form a Cabinet.

THE NAVAL SITUATION.

REVIEWED BY SIR ERIC GEDDES.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, made his maiden speech in the House of Commons this afternoon the occasion for a long and important statement in which he reviewed the Naval situation. He said the present Board now consists of eight Naval officers and three civilians, including himself, but it was intended to include an additional Civil Lord. The Board was grouped into two formal committees, namely the Operations Committee and the Maintenance Committee.
Sir Eric Geddes described the specific functions of the Board and said that the Committee met at least once a week and other sub-committees were formed as it became necessary. These and other changes in the procedure tended to improve the organisation and control exercised by the Board. Special measures had been taken to increase the power and to strengthen the control of the Naval Staff in planning operations and a new section had been added to the Operations side of the Naval Staff, consisting of younger officers with recent experience in the Grand Fleet, under a Flag Officer who had left the Grand Fleet to take up the position. It was thus hoped to add to the ripe and valuable experience of long service, indispensable to the Admiralty, officers with the latest and most up-to-date knowledge of naval warfare, in its ever-changing aspects.

Sir Eric Geddes said he anticipated great advantage would be gained from the fact that the Naval Staff would be in increasing personal touch with the Grand Fleet and other Naval commands.
The British Navy had reached down into the depths. The British losses through submarines had steadily decreased, since April, and latterly, markedly during September. It was most satisfactory. October was only slightly worse than September, but was 80 per cent better than any other month since unrestricted warfare began.

A TEST OF DETERMINATION.

After summarising the progress made in combating submarineism, Sir Eric Geddes referred to the statement that the Germans were building submarines faster than they had done before and that they had not yet obtained their maximum strength. Submarine warfare was therefore becoming a test of determination, grit and ingenuity between two contending forces. He concluded by saying that submarine warfare at present was going well for us, and one was justified in regarding the future with courage and confidence. He recalled the fact that the German merchant marine, before the war, which totalled 5,000,000 tons, was to-day nearly half sunk or in the hands of the Entente.

THE POSITION IN THE BALTIC.

SUPREME POWERS FOR RUSSIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 1.

Owing to the refusal of the Finnish authorities to co-operate in carrying out orders for the evacuation, the Commander-in-Chief on the Northern Front has been given supreme control of Petrograd, Kronstadt and the whole of Finland. The Germans have completely evacuated the Werder peninsula after devastating the whole area. The enemy is organising strong bases at Oesel and Dago with a view to seizing Reval.

ENEMY WITHDRAWING IN RIGA REGION.

ENEMY DESTROYER SUNK.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

A Russian official communiqué says:—
The enemy at some points in the Riga region is withdrawing to previously prepared positions. There are no possible grounds, however, for supposing that the enemy can transfer troops to any other front.
An enemy torpedo-boat was sunk by two of ours in India Bay. We also burnt two steamers.

THE SAND AND GRAVEL QUESTION.

A DUTCH PAPER'S STATEMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.

The *Telegraaf* publishes details of the utilisation of sand and gravel transported through the Dutch waterways from Germany to Belgium. It says the cobble road from Middelkerke to Westende has been broken up and smoothed with sand and gravel. From Westende the German troops enter the trenches. The Germans have broken up the tramlines everywhere in Belgium to construct new light railways to the front, employing deported civilians in transporting materials. The concrete is being manufactured between Bruges and Ostend for the construction of "pill-boxes", while sand and gravel are used along the coast for the construction of aerodromes and coast defences.

NORWAY AND GERMANY.

A STRONG PROTEST.

CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 1.

The Government has strongly protested to Germany regarding the sinking of the convoy, cabled on the 20th ult. The Government of Norway reminds Germany of its former protests and says the continued sinkings of neutral ships not carrying contraband, disregarding the fate of the crews, has created deep indignation among the Norwegian people.

SCANDINAVIAN KINGS TO MEET.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.

King Gustav will visit King Christian next week.

INCENDIARISM AT BALTIMORE.

DAMAGE A MILLION STERLING.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.

Two railway cars at Baltimore have been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at a million sterling. Incendiaries are suspected. One arrest has been made.

THE SUBMARINE PIRACY.

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The French shipping returns for last week are:—
Arrivals..... 536
Sailings..... 795
Sunk (above 1,600 tons)..... 2
Sunk (under 1,600 tons)..... 1
Unsuccessfully attacked..... 4

ITALIAN SHIPPING RETURNS.

ROME, Nov. 1.

The official shipping returns for the week ending October 28, state:—
Arrivals..... 439
Departures..... 376
Vessels sunk (over 1,500 tons)..... 2
Vessels sunk (under 1,500 tons)..... 1
One vessel which was attacked escaped.

HERTLING REFUSES THE GERMAN CHANCELLORSHIP.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.

The *Weekblaad* states that Count Hertling has reconsidered his decision and has now refused the Chancellorship owing to objections raised by the Left to his appointment.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Press Bureau announces that the National Board to deal with the matter of seamen's wages is now established. The Shipping Controller will appoint a Chairman.

PARCEL MAILS LOST.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Post Office announces that parcel mails, dated Cyprus October 3 and Malta October 18th, have been lost through enemy action.

JAPANESE FINANCE COMMISSION IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.

A Japanese Finance Commission has arrived at a Pacific port. The formation of a Japanese-American Chamber of Commerce is announced as one probable result of the Mission.

THE TIN AND TUNGSTEN MINES OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The Press Bureau announces that the Ministry of Munitions is inviting the owners of tin and tungsten mines in Cornwall and Devon to establish a research association with a view to conducting experiments, under first class experts, to increase the output.
It is pointed out that 55 per cent of tin, and a higher percentage of wolfram, in the ore, has so far been lost.

A conference on the subject has been convened for November 7.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—On Tuesday, north of the Ypres-Roulers railway, we captured 191 prisoners, including three officers.

There was local fighting to-day in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden railway, as a result of which we slightly improved our line.

The North Staffords, in the afternoon, carried out a successful raid north-eastward of Loos, and, besides inflicting other losses, they captured forty prisoners. Our casualties were light.

Our artillery were active on the battle-front, and they carried out a number of destructive bombardments on hostile positions and batteries.

Bombing squadrons, at night-time, dropped two tons of explosives on the Roulers and Ingelmunster stations, moving trains, and billets.

Our machines attacked the steel works and station of Volkingen, in Germany. They were rewarded with excellent results, direct hits on a furnace, a power house and a train being obtained.

The weather was brilliantly fine at the outset, but it turned later to rain and snow.

One machine did not return.

THE INDIAN TEA CROP.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The *Times* understands that a definite scheme has been prepared for the Government acquiring a substantial portion of the Indian tea crop.

Representative bodies will be asked to express an opinion concerning the matter in the near future.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

There was a continuation of the rise in the price of silver to-day, to 46½ per ounce, owing to the scarcity of supplies, but there was no strong interest. The advance is quite unexpected, as it is not expected that the price will move much further.

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ANOTHER AIR RAID ON ENGLAND.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Press Bureau announces that aircraft crossed the south-east coast in relays, between 10.45 and 11.30 last night, making towards London.

BRITISH NAVAL AIR RAID.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Admiralty announces that the Air Service on Monday night raided Sparapellhoek and Varsenare aerodromes. The visibility was excellent and shooting accurate. All the machines returned.

THE BATTLE OF THE AISNE.

11,157 PRISONERS IN FOUR DAYS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

A French communiqué states:—The offensive between the 23rd and 27th October yielded 11,157 prisoners, including 23 officers, and 180 guns.

Between the Meuse and Luxembourg there was a fairly lively bombardment. Our aeroplanes bombed the railway stations of Thionville, Esch-sur-Sure, Metz, Longeville, Wargny, and Arras.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

A German official report states:—There have been successful engagements on the Tagliamento plain.

Our prisoners have now increased to 120,000, and the guns captured 1,000.

DURBAN FLOODED.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

DURBAN, Nov. 1.

Four months of abnormal wet weather have culminated in a rainstorm in which 84 inches fell in twenty-four hours. The most extensive damage is reported. The Umgeni river is flooded, causing much damage in Durban, notably in the Indian quarter. The flood was so sudden that some Indians were drowned in their beds. Numbers took refuge on the house roofs. There were hearth-pieces as some fell off, and were swept away exhausted. Indian fishermen heroically co-operated with the police in life saving, nevertheless the loss of life is heavy as the thickly populated Springfield Vista, which is principally affected, are totally submerged. There is considerable damage to the railways and numerous shops have been inundated.

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